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His Honour George Johnson
Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba
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May it Please Your Honour:

I have the privilege to present for your information the Annual Report of The Surface Rights Board of Manitoba for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1991.

Respectfully submitted,

James E. Downey

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June 30, 1991

The Honourable James E. Downey
Minister Responsible for
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Sir:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 15 of The Surface Rights Act, the Board is pleased to submit its annual report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1991.

Yours truly,

R. T. Smith, Q.C.
Presiding Member

THE SURFACE RIGHTS BOARD OF MANITOBA

MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SURFACE RIGHTS ACT

THE HONOURABLE J. DOWNEY

THE BOARD

MR. R.T. SMITH	PRESIDING MEMBER	
MR. CROMER ASHCROFT	DEPUTY PRESIDING MEMBER	
MR. THOMAS ARTHUR COWAN	MEMBER	MRS. M. HEAMAN OF VIRDEN REPLACED MRS. CHIPELSKI AS A BOARD MEMBER IN JANUARY, 1991
MRS. GENEVA CHIPELSKI	MEMBER	
MR. IVAN CAREY	MEMBER	

COUNSEL

MR. NEVILLE D. SHENDE, Q.C.	BOARD SOLICITOR

THE STAFF

MR. BRYAN SHERIDAN	SECRETARY TO THE BOARD

THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF BOARD MEMBERS

The Act provides for the Surface Rights Board and empowers the Board to administer and enforce The Act. The Board is presently composed of five Members, one of whom is the Presiding Member and another who is designated the Deputy Presiding Member.

Members are appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council and represent various geographic, social and economic sectors of the province.

In discharging its responsibility for administration of The Act, the Board may:

(a) Hold sittings from time to time at such times and places in the province as it may deem expedient;

(b) Enter upon and inspect or authorize any Member of the Board or other person to enter upon and inspect any place, building, works or other property directly or indirectly involved in any matter before the Board;

(c) Appoint, or direct, to inquire into and report upon, any matter before the Board. The Members are not full time Board Members, but are paid on a per diem basis.

THE PURPOSE OF THE SURFACE RIGHTS ACT

The Surface Rights Act was proclaimed to be in force August 9, 1983.

The purposes of The Act are:

(a) To provide for a comprehensive procedure for acquiring and utilizing surface rights;

(b) To provide for the payment of just and equitable compensation for the acquisition and utilization of surface rights.

(c) To provide for the maintenance, preservation and restoration of the surface of land acquired in connection with surface rights.

(d) To provide for the resolution of disputes between operators, occupants, and owners arising from the entry upon, use or restoration of the surface of the land.

POWERS OF THE BOARD

Fulfilling its mandate to provide for the concerns of both landowners and the oil industry in Manitoba, the Board is empowered to:

(a) Administer and enforce the Act and the regulations;

(b) Carry out surveys and research programs and obtain statistics for the purposes of the Board.

(c) Conduct hearings and investigations and determine and prescribe the scope thereof;

(d) Require any person to submit to it such returns in such form as it may require.

(e) Prohibit or require the doing of any act by any of the parties to an application which is before the Board.

(f) Provide mediation services upon the request of a party to a dispute concerning surface rights.

SURFACE RIGHTS BOARD ACTIVITY 1990/91

April 1, 1990 - March 31, 1991

Quarterly Activity Report

	April 1 June 30 1st Q	July 1 Sept 30 2nd Q	Oct. 1 Dec. 31 3rd Q	Jan. 1 Mar. 31 4th Q
SIGNED AGREEMENTS FOR SURFACE LEASES				
Brought forward	1150	1202	1216	1239
Received	52	14	23	21
Carried forward	1202	1216	1239	1260
REVIEW OF COMPENSATION APPLICATIONS				
Brought forward	36	37	36	36
Received	* 1	0	0	0
Settled or Closed	0	1	0	0
Carried	37	36	36	36*
RIGHT-OF-ENTRY APPLICATIONS				
Brought forward	11	11	11	0
Received	0	0	0	5
Settled or Closed	0	0	11	3
Carried forward	11	11	0	2**
TORTIOUS ACTS				
Brought forward	2	3	3	3
Received	1	0	0	0
Settled or Closed	0	0	0	0
Carried forward	3	3	3	3
Other Applications:				
TERMINATION OF BOARD ORDERS				
Brought forward	0	0	0	0
Received	0	0	0	0
Settled or Closed	0	0	0	0
Carried forward	0	0	0	0

ABSENTEE MINERAL RIGHTS OWNER				
Brought forward	0	0	0	0
Received	0	0	0	0
Settled or Closed	0	0	0	0
Carried forward	0	0	0	0
APPLICATION FOR ABANDONMENT ORDER				
Brought forward	4	13	4	0
Received	9	0	0	0
Settled or Closed	0	9	4	0
Carried forward	13	4	0	0
BOARD ORDERS ISSUED	0	1	0	4
MEDIATION REPORTS		1	0	0

* Twenty-nine reviews of Compensation Hearings - held January 14, 15, 16, 17, 1991, extention of time for the issuance of Orders to April 14, 1991

** Final Compensation to be Determined

FIVE YEAR ACTIVITY SUMMARY **Year Ended March 31**

	1990	1989	1988	1987	1986
Signed Agreements	100	50	68	156	74
Applications					
- Review of Compensation	1	15	38	29	8
- Right-of-Entry	5	3	13	5	4
- Damage (Tortious Acts)	1	0	0	1	1
- Termination of Board Order	0	2	0	0	8
- Absentee Mineral Rights Owner	0	0	0	0	3
- Application for Abandonment Order	9	5	1	9	3
Board Orders Issued	5	10	19	48	51
Mediation Reports	1	0	0	0	0

BOARD ORDERS

In the fiscal year 1990/91, the Surface Rights Board issued a total of 5 Board Orders and 1 Mediation Report.

BOARD ORDERS ISSUED 1990/91

Applicant	Particulars	File Number	Order Number	Date Issued	Decision of Board
MACC	Determination of Compensation	466-90-A	6/90	July 26/90	Mediated Settlement
Omega Hydrocarbons	Right of Entry	486-91-A	5/91	Mar. 5/90	Consent Order
Omega Hydrocarbons	Right of Entry	485-91-A	4/91	Mar. 5/90	Consent Order
Omega Hydrocarbons	Right of Entry	484-91-A	3/91	Mar. 5/90	Consent Order
Omega Hydrocarbons	Right of Entry	483-91-A	2/91	Mar. 5/90	Consent Order
Omega Hydrocarbons	Right of Entry	482-91-A	1/91	Mar. 5/90	Consent Order